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The Unsung Successes of Kennewick Man

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Background

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- The Remains
  - Transfer to the Burke Museum
  - Biannual Condition Assessments
  - Myths
- The Site
  - Site Protection Activity
  - Myths

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- **Site treatment is consistent with other on-going site protection measures for Federal Columbia River Power System.**

Implementation:
Placement by barge and crane (permanent fix)

Crane and barge in action

The finished product one year after

Source: USAED, Seattle, April 2006

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Background

- Litigation
  - District Court opinions
  - Ninth Circuit opinion
  - Attorneys' Fees
- Potential for Future Litigation
- Lessons Learned

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Current Status

- Secured in Stable Environment
- Administrative Control
  - NWD, HQUSACE, St. Louis
  - Conservators and Burke Museum
- Tribal Intervention
- Court Ordered Plaintiffs' Studies

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Current Status

- Plaintiffs' Studies and Results
  - Phase 1—Dec. 2004 Pre-Study Inspection
  - Phase 1a—June 2005 CT Imaging
  - Phase 2—July 2005 Taphonomic Study
  - Phase 3—Feb. 2006 Measurements & Observations
  - Phase 4—?????
- Government and Plaintiffs' Studies
- Future Studies

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Future Directions

- Treatment of Kennewick Man Discovery Site
- Development of Long Term Preservation Plan
- Policy Requirements Resulting From Bonnichsen Decisions